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Dear Mr Kelly

**RE: Sunnica Statement of Community Consultation**

On Wednesday 2 September 2020 (Agenda Item 7) Planning Committee received an update relating to the Sunnica Energy Farm. A copy of this update can be accessed via the Councils website. <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/planning-committee-02092020>

At the meeting Members requested that I write to you to formally express their comments arising from the update.

The Planning Committee strongly encourages you to make every effort to consult and engage with the Local Parish Councils and community that are affected by the Sunnica proposal and that this should be more than written communication.

Members are strongly of the view that the approach to consultation to date has not provided enough information to address the concerns of the community and more needs to be done.

Going forward the consultation with the Local Parish Councils and communities, as all potentially affected communities should be given as much detail as possible and every effort made to clearly explain what the proposals are, the impact and the mitigation that is proposed.

In addition local media (including papers and radio) should be encompassed and if Covid 19 emergency ends public exhibitions should be arranged that can be visited in person, rather than just using online public exhibitions.

I would welcome your thoughts on this so that I may report back to Planning Committee how it is you intend to consult with Local Parish Councils and the committee that would overcome the concerns that have been expressed by Planning Committee.

It may assist you to view the planning committee item online. The item starts at around 2hr 5mins. <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/planning-committee-02092020>

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Yours sincerely

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